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Israelis take U.N. positions

BEIRUT. April 9 (AP) — Israeli troops in armored personnel carriers rolled across Lebanon's southern border Wednesday and set up positions within U.N. controlled areas, spokesman for the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon reported here.

Samir Sanbar said five armored personnel carriers moved into UNIFIL's Irish area of operations at Beirut Yaboun and Qounin, respectively seven and eight kilometers north of the Israeli border, at 0915 local time (0715 GMT).

Sanbar declined to say why the Israelis moved in. But Western diplomatic sources with daily contact with UNIFIL said the Israeli move appeared to be part of new measures to combat Palestinians resistance.

Diplomatic sources here said Israeli troops also established military presence at a Ghanaian-held U.N. area about 10 kilometers east of positions established at the Irish area.

The sources identified the eastern point of the Israeli deployment as Shakra, which is 1.5 kilometers within the UNIFIL zone.

Sanbar declined to comment on the deployment in Shakra, where the diplomats said nearly 100 Israeli troops were very much in evidence and digging in.

Israeli spokesman contend the raiding party managed to slip through a pass between the Irish held areas into Misgav Am.

The raid was mounted by the Iraqi-backed Arab Liberation Front, one of the eight major groups that make up the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The ALF said one purpose for the raid was to protest U.S. President Jimmy Carter's endeavor with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Begin to break a deadlock over proposed plans for Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Israel has dropped hints that it will retaliate.

Diplomats here said between 25 and 30 Israeli troops were digging in near Beirut Yaboun and Qounin. Sanbar said two Israeli carriers took up positions near Qounin and two near Tiri, less than a kilometer southwest of Qounin.

Israel and its right-wing Lebanese Christian allies, who control a 10-kilometer-wide salient along the 59-mile border, claim UNIFIL has been unable to check commando movement through U.N. lines.

The ALF said the attack was carried out by commandos from several countries, including Pakistan.

It said the unit was composed of a Syrian, an Egyptian, an Iraqi, a Pakistani and a Palestinian.

The youngest was 19, the oldest 25 years of age. ALF said in a statement on the Iraqi radio.

The participation of comrades from several Arab countries in the operation shows that the battle of Palestine is the battle of the entire Arab nation, from the Atlantic to the Gulf," the statement said.

Khartoum resumes ties with Baghdad

KHARTOUM, April 9 (R) — Sudan has announced the restoration of diplomatic relations with Iraq, the Sudan News Agency (Suna) said Wednesday.

A statement issued by the foreign ministry here said the decision was made in the light of Sudanese-Iraqi contacts and in the interests of solidarity in the Arab region, Suna said.

Last week Iraq announced it had decided to resume diplomatic relations with Sudan following the delivery of a message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri.

Sudan and Iraq broke off diplomatic relations a year ago after the Iraqi press criticized what it said was Sudan's support for the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

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U.N. opens debate on Palestine

Israelis break up Arab demonstration

UNITED NATIONS, April 9 (AP) — The U.N. Security Council opened its fourth meeting on Palestinian rights at 12:34 a.m. (1634 GMT) Wednesday.

The council resumed on Palestinian rights after an effort Tuesday to postpone the meeting until July failed.

Western members of the council had sought to put off discussion of the issue, including the right of Palestinians to a state of their own, in view of the current Israeli-Egyptian talks on Palestinian self-rule.

The first speaker in the meeting, Soviet ambassador Oleg A. Troyanovsky, referred to the U.S. reversal of its March 1 vote for dismantling Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territory.

He called that measure "a small step" and said even it was "too much for the United States."

Other speakers were the representatives of Bangladesh, East Germany, Bahrain, Morocco, Vietnam and the PLO.

Bangladesh Ambassador Abul Ahsan accused Israel of pursuing "its own internationally denounced prescription for peace through a policy that is the very antithesis of peace."

He said the council could no longer "ignore the critical issue of Palestine and the rights of the Palestinian people without imperiling peace and compounding injustice."

Referring indirectly to the United States, Ambassador Salman Al-Saffar of Bahrain said "the negative position of one of its permanent members" prevented the Security Council from adopting measures to end Israel's occupation of Arab territories.

In another development Israeli occupation troops broke up two Palestinian demonstrations in the West Bank Wednesday, a two-Arab mayors from the occupied territory were acquitted on charges of assaulting an Israeli policeman.

The charges against the nationalist mayors, Ibrahim Tawil of el Birsh and Kerim Khalaf of Ramallah, stemmed from a scuffle in November 1978 outside a courtroom where West Bank Palestinians were contesting expropriation of their land. The mayors said the charges were politically motivated.

In Ramallah, five miles north of Jerusalem, scores of high school students blocked roads, burned tires and hurled stones before troops stopped the protest, arresting a number of students.

8 officers given medals

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — Eight Riyadh police officers were awarded the King Faisal Medal, third class, by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman. The awards were made by order of King Khalid.

Receiving the awards were Maj. Gen. Muhammad ibn Ayesh, commissioner of police; Col. Fahd Al Shareef, assistant police commissioner; Col. Abdul Rahman Al Shahani, assistant commissioner for administrative and financial affairs; Col. Ali Muhammad Al Omari, assistant commissioner for operations; Col. Hassan Ali, director of the engineering department; Col. Abdul Rahman Haza, director of the supplies section; Col. Hamood ibn Ayed Al Mutairi, director of Majama Police; and col. Jameel Mabood, director of administrative control.

Abdullah meets Jordanian aides

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — Two Jordanian dignitaries met separately Wednesday with Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdul-Aziz, commander of the National Guard. Prince Abdullah first met with Jordanian Ambassador Tharwat Al Talhouni and later met with Jameel bin Nasser, uncle of Jordan's King Hussein. The meetings also were attended by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Tuwaijri, deputy commander of the National Guard.

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TEHRAN, April 9 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini Wednesday attacked Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and predicted that Iraq's ruling Baathist regime would be "thrown into the dustbin of history like the regime of the Shah."

The Ayatollah's message followed worsening relations between Iran and its neighbor, including border clashes and the expulsion of Iranian nationals by Baghdad.

The message called on Iranians and their government to give the deportees "victims of the American plot and the hand of the Baath," an "honorable life" after their expulsion.

The Iraqi regime was mistaken in believing that being Arab was better than being Islamic because the Arab people would defend Islam against its enemies, the message added.

"Our Arab brothers should know that we are fighting their enemies with the Iraqi Baathist regime at their head, that we are the friends of their friends and we share their difficulties."

The message came as 3,000 deportees were reported arriving in Iran.

Iran's Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghobzadeh, claiming Iraq is an American stooge, announced Wednesday that: "we have decided to overthrow the Baathist regime" in Baghdad, according to Tehran radio.

Ghobzadeh also accused President Hus-

sein of being "America's agent." This ran counter to the generally accepted view that Hussein's socialist government is one of the most anti-American in the Middle East.

Teheran radio quoted the foreign minister as telling reporters: "We are determined to overthrow the Baathist regime of Iraq" and "are prepared for any confrontation against their acts of sabotage."

"Any country supporting America in practice must face action similar to that Iran has taken against America," the radio quoted Ghobzadeh as saying.

Iran on Monday pulled its diplomats out of Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, and on Tuesday shut down the Iraqi News Agency and the office of Iraq's diplomatic representative in Tehran.

Teheran radio claimed Iraqi forces were attacking sporadically with both heavy and light weapons in the Qasr-E-Shirin area of Kermanshah province in the northwest of Iran, about 110 miles northeast of Baghdad.

The radio said one Iraqi border post was destroyed. In the same area the radio reported Iraqi artillery attacks Monday and Tuesday, and said Iranian troops and revolutionary guards had struck back across the border.

In Baghdad, the official Iraqi News Agency, INA, quoted Saddam Hussein as saying: "He who tries to stretch a finger against Iraq will lose that finger."

On Sunday, Iraq sent a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim demanding Iraq withdraw its troops from three islands west of the strait of Hormuz through which much of the world's oil flows.

The islands of Abu Mousa, the Greater Tumb and Smaller Tumb were conquered by Iranian forces in 1971 after Britain terminated a defense treaty with the Gulf states that controlled the islands. Iraq is demanding that Iran return the islands to the United Arab Emirates.

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Military affairs discussed**Sultan receives delegation**

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan received a U.S. Congress delegation led by Melvin Prince, head of the military affairs committee Wednesday.

Talks dealt with relations between Saudi Arabia and the United States.

Meanwhile, it was learned Wednesday that Prince Sultan will inspect military installations in the Eastern Province Saturday.

The tour will include King Abdul Aziz naval base in Jubail, King Abdul Aziz airbase and other new installations.

On Sunday, the prince will officiate at the graduation ceremony of the 22nd and 23rd cadet class of the Technical Studies academy in Dhahran. The 38 graduates include a number of Sudanese and North Yemeni nationals.



Prince Sultan

Zorreguista trip continues**Minister tours Hasa project**

HASA, April 9 (SPA) — Argentinian Agriculture Minister Jorge Zorreguista Wednesday visited the Hasa Irrigation and Drainage Project as part of his tour of agricultural development projects in the Kingdom. Zorreguista has been touring the country since his arrival earlier in the week.

Tuesday, Saudi Arabia and Argentina signed letters of intent to cooperate in animal husbandry projects. Zorreguista and Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Soliman signed the letter, which aims to establish joint

Swissair 1979 profits \$ 139 million

SWISSAIR airlines has announced its gross profits for fiscal 1979 totaled \$138.8 million, despite the massive increase in fuel prices and the temporary loss of revenues from the grounding of DC-10 jets earlier in the year.

Swissair produced revenues of \$1.509 billion in 1979, and expenditures before depreciations amounted to \$1.370 billion. Swissair's Board of Directors called the

after accounting for ordinary depreciations and other expenses, Swissair shareholders will receive dividends from the company's net profits of \$30.5 million.

Scouting jamboree to be held

HASA, April 9 (SPA) — A scouting jamboree for Saudi Arabia will open at the boyscout training camp here next month. The rally will be attended by some 1,200 boyscouts from the Kingdom's various educational zones.

The area's education directorate is making arrangements for the gathering and is preparing booklets and advertisements about a major competition to be held among the Kingdom's boyscouts.

Ministers discuss**Islamic law**

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — Four ministers Wednesday considered ways of implementing recommendations of a conference on Islamic jurisprudence held recently at Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University.

Minister of Higher Education Sheikh Has-

san Al-Sheikh, Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abd Yaman, Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie and Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwair, meeting in the office of Sheikh Hassan, made a decision in this regard which they will submit to the King.

Saudi Comment

By Muhammad Omar
Al-Amond
Al-Medina

Jeddah's traffic prison played host to our car and driver last week.

I don't object to the law, for I respect it even if it is harsh, and I congratulate the traffic policeman for his alertness in enforcing the law and punishing the offender. He detained the driver and deprived him of five days freedom in order to deter him from repeating the same mistake in the future.

A few days before this incident, I had my first meeting with Jeddah's traffic chief Lt. Col. As'ad Abdul Karim over a card game at a mutual friend's house. He had seemed uneasy with my sloppy playing, in fact, expressed his dismay as an expert in the game. I told him I wished he had shown the same anguish over the rashness of drivers and their countless offenses.

He gave a convincing reply. The traffic prisons in the city face an uneasy situation with rash, offending drivers being stuffed in daily, indicating that traffic officials are always on the alert, their chief being as serious in his work as he is in his hobby. Therefore, I hesitated to telephone him or ask a friend to speak to him about my car and driver especially when I knew that they were the officers' guests. I could not do so out of my regard for the seriousness of an official and my belief in the principle of equality before the law. I said to myself, "Let the offender have his share, for we, as citizens, ought to respect every official who is serious about the application of the law. We must not inconvenience him with our interference, especially since the job has become a source of amusement to a majority of officials. Many of them consider the law as nothing but merely a personal mood to be applied at one's own whim."

Notwithstanding all this, I blame the traffic department for the fact that those apprehended cannot contact their relatives to inform them about their fate. Such behavior not only disturbs the family, but also inconveniences security officials who have great difficulty in tracing them.

This is what happened with us. First we thought that the children and the driver had met with some mishap on their way to the school. But when we received a negative report from the accidents department, we suspected the driver and gave all the details to the officials. It was only after two days that we knew that the driver and car were enjoying "state" hospitality. Our minds were set at rest and we hastened to seek God's pardon for our misapprehensions, but only after two days!

Chatti also emphasizes economics**Islamic parley stresses religious education**

national levels ...

The role of the rich, independent Muslim states should help by "assuring self-sufficiency to them (the Muslim minorities) and, secondly, by giving them economic importance and enabling them to play a prominent role within the countries where they live, thereby raising their spirits and increasing their economic capabilities ... An example of the kind of Islamic community Chatti had in mind, was that of the Muslims living in West Germany.

A paper written by journalist and radio commentator Muhammad Abdullah, who lives in West Germany, and read to the conference by Muhammad Aman Hobohm, German-born converted Muslim and a first secretary at the West German embassy in London, said that of 1.5 million Muslims, of whom 1.2 million were Turks working in Germany, only 25,000 Muslims were registered in religious communities.

"There was a declining tendency to practice religion and it could be said that 45 per cent of the 1.5 million could not adjust to Islam because of the pressures of a modern and highly industrialized society," Abdullah wrote.



Habib Chatti

"It is through Islamic education that we can enable every member of the Muslim minorities to ensure that he really conforms to Islamic principles in his beliefs, worship, morality and his dealings with his family and friends and with the community in which he lives," said Chatti.

"Firstly, by teaching them their religion ... secondly, by raising their social and educa-

Comprehensive school system suggested

being affected by the decision.

The conference also recommended the issuance of a guide of the activities and a follow-up of its resolutions, which should be implemented by education directors and ministry officials concerned with the comprehensive education system.

Indonesians to compete in Koran reading contest

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 9 — Indonesian Qori will participate in the Koran Reading Competition to be held in Mecca April 12-19.

The Indonesian team, to be headed by K.H. Muchtar Nasir, director of Islamic religion, will consist of: Professor H. Ibrahim Russell, vice chairman of the team; K.H. Azroi Abdurrauf, jury member; Ahmad Muhamid and H. Hariz Muhammad, readers;

PRAYER TIMES

Thursday	Mecca	Medina	Nejd
Fajr	4:52	4:40	3:21
Ishraq	6:10	6:04	5:40
Dhuhr	12:29	12:00	12:00
Asr	3:53	3:27	3:27
Maghreb	6:41	6:13	6:13
Isha	8:11	7:43	7:43

labuses and to remove or add anything considered appropriate.

It further recommended that a student with more than 25 per cent days of absence without an acceptable reason be suspended from study for that academic year and the year following. After that he should be allowed to resume his study without his overall grade

WEATHER

The weather will be warm in the northwestern and parts of the central and western regions, affected by the Khamasini weather. Active southerly winds will cause sand storms and limit horizontal vision.

Low and medium clouds will thicken in those areas bringing possible scattered thunderstorms which may include the western and south-western highlands.

Sea conditions in the Red Sea will be medium to choppy, and moderate in the Gulf. Wednesday's temperatures (maximum)

minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	36	27
Jeddah	35	21
Riyadh	34	22
Dhahran	36	25
Medina	32	17
Taif	36	28
Jizan	31	15
Hail	32	15
Turaif	36	19
Qaisumah	38	21
Sulayyil	27	13
Abha		

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Salman announces

Asir prince joins society

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 9 — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman, chairman of the Islamic Welfare Society, announced Wednesday that the governor of Asir Prince Khaled Al-Faisal joined the society.

Prince Khaled who is also the chairman of the Philanthropic Society for the South has invited the IWS to combine the efforts of both institutions in the health field, Prince Salman said.

He added that the IWS will supervise the establishment of the PSS hospital in Abha and other hospitals in various areas.

The IWS was started last year with a SR40 million contribution in one instalment from business tycoon Sheikh Saleh Kamel, owner of Avco-Dallah, and a similar amount from Prince Salman, this was in addition to a flow of contributions ranging from SR5 to several millions from individuals, firms and institutions around the Kingdom.

On Tuesday, three anonymous donors gave SR10 million, SR8 million and SR5,000 respectively.

Retired general to visit Taipei

RIYADH, April 9 (CNA) — The King will send a representative to the annual convention of the Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen in Taipei for the first time.

Saudi Defense Minister Prince Sultan informed Chinese Ambassador Hsueh Tz-chi of the Kingdom's decision to send former Army Commander Maj. Gen. Ali bin Abedin to the convention.

Abedin also was briefed by Hsueh Tuesday on the functions of the Chinese Veterans

Joint economics urged by chamber

MANAMA, April 9 (SPA) — The 24th conference of the Arab Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture has stressed the importance of mapping a strategy for joint economic activity by the Arab states.

It said the approval of this strategy by the Arab summit conference will give a spur to economic cooperation that began more than a quarter of a century ago.

Concluding its four-day session here Tuesday, the conference explained ways of making strategy successful. Members called for cooperation in industrial training and research. They also recommended establishment of a special fund financed by Arab states for implementing programs to train industrial labor.

The conference stressed the role Arab states can play in economic development

There is no taxation in Saudi Arabia except the Zakat of about 2.5 per cent provided for in Islam for able persons, half of which is to be given directly to the needy. Saudis, especially the wealthy, give alms and make voluntary contributions as opposed to a tax system applied in other countries.

After the incident, in which a group of renegades seized the Holy Haram in Mecca on the first of the new Hijrah year, the public gave victimized soldiers and their families more than SR100 million and contributions are proceeding along the same pace for Afghan victims of the Soviet invasion and freedom-fighters.

But the biggest bulk of donations usually comes during the Holy month of Ramadan when Muslims fast and give more charity than normal.

In an interview a few months ago, Sheikh Saleh Kamel expressed the view that had his SR40 million contribution been unannounced, people would have been encouraged to give more. Since then, many huge amounts being contributed might have passed unnoticed.

Retired general to visit Taipei

Organization. The former commander of the Kingdom's Armed forces said he was impressed and expressed the hope that his visit would result in cooperation between veterans of the two countries.

He said the Kingdom can learn ways of helping its veterans from the Republic of China's example. In addition, he said Saudi Arabia may still need the services of its veterans because the Kingdom is undergoing a tremendous amount of construction.

The general is scheduled to arrive in Taipei on April 14.

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BRIEFS

Kayyal, minister of posts, telegraph and telephone.

RIYADH, April 9 (SPA) — Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khowaiter opened the Photo Exhibition for 1980 Tuesday.

The showing was organized by the General Directorate of Antiquities and Museums at the Education Ministry in cooperation with Harvard's Museum of Civilization.

BEIRUT, April 9 — The leader of the Lebanese Socialist Progressive Party Walid Jumblatt returned here Wednesday after a four-day visit to Saudi Arabia during which he was received by King Khaled and other leaders.

Jumblatt is also leader of a grouping of Lebanese leftist parties called the Nationalist Movement.

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Marzouk scores only goal

Ahli sneaks by Ittihad in lukewarm game

By Mansir Muhammad

JEEDDAH, April 9 — Ahli defeated Ittihad 1-0 here Wednesday after a mild game which warmed up in the last 20 minutes. Although the match did not have any effect on the standings of the two teams, the traditional rivalry between them made the game important.

The only goal came through Freij Marzouk, Ahli's attacker, in the 35th minute of the second half. The first half was clean and cool with unfinished attacks organized by the two teams. The game proceeded like a wheat field with the wind blowing from one direction and changes to the opposite.

With the beginning of the second half the match entered into harshness between members of the two teams. Ahli's star striker Anan Dabi was given a yellow card by the referee of the match.

In the last 15 minutes, Ittihad put heavy pressure on Ahli's goal to obtain the equalizer. Too many opportunities went by Ittihad's attackers.

The final and decisive match of the tournament is to be held Thursday in Riyadh between Nasr, leader of the league, and Hilal one point behind in the second place.

This is the fourth year of the football league. Nasr and Hilal have met twice at the final match and both were ended in favor of Hilal. Tomorrow will be their third time with two chances for Nasr and one for Hilal. Nasr will win the cup if it defeats Hilal or draws, but Hilal's chance to the cup is to win.

Meanwhile, in Medina Ohod beat Shabab 2-0 Wednesday in the team's last game in the top soccer teams. Ohod and Wehda of Mecca are the two teams descending to class A.



WINNERS AND LOSERS: Ghurab of Ittihad kicks the ball as Freij of Ahli, left, is ready for action. Diab of Ahli, white shirts, and Bockner

Jabalain, Raed against Kawkab and Rabi against Khalif.

Last year, the King's Cup was won by Ahli for the third consecutive time.

Standing at the end of the 17th week of the soccer league which ended last week.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1. Nasr	17	11	3	3	42	15	27
2. Hilal	17	10	6	1	36	20	26
3. Ittihad	17	7	7	3	24	17	21
4. Ahli	17	7	5	5	19	16	19
5. Shabab	17	5	7	5	26	24	17
6. Qudsaya	17	2	9	6	14	16	13
7. Nahda	17	5	4	8	18	12	12
8. Al-Ittihad	17	5	1	11	15	34	11
9. Qad	17	1	6	10	6	31	8
10. Wehda	17	0	0	17	0	0	0

Ministers' conference postponed

By a Staff writer

JEEDDAH, April 9 — The 11th Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference scheduled to be held in Islamabad next week has been postponed until next month according to the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference, Habib Chati.

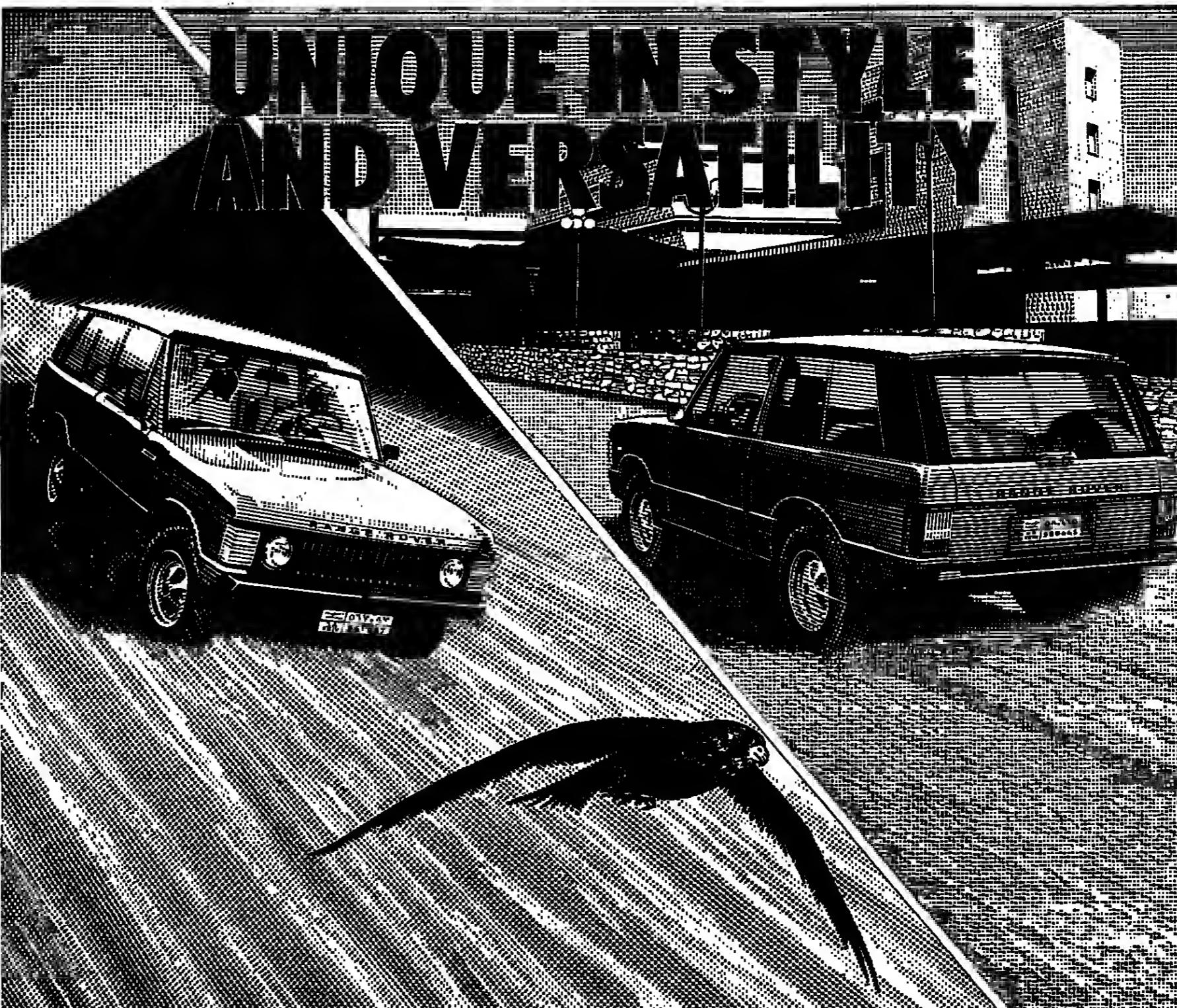
Chati said the postponement was called in order to allow delegations from the member states to attend the independence celebrations of Zimbabwe.

The conference was due to be held from April 17 to April 21. Because the celebrations would have been held during the same period it was found necessary to postpone it until the period May 14 to May 21. Senior officials of the conference will meet a couple of days their foreign ministers to prepare the agenda and distribute it to the specialized committees. He said there were no other reasons for the postponement.

Seminar to be held

DAMMAM, April 9 (SPA) — The second seminar on electricity in Arab countries will be held here April 19 through 24 and will be hosted by the Consolidated Electricity Corporation of the Eastern Province. The seminar will be supervised by the Arab Industrial Development Center.

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'Won't defy political ban'

Bhutto's wife, daughter freed

KARACHI, April 9 (Agencies) — Pakistan's martial-law government Tuesday released the wife and daughter of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto from house arrest, authorities announced.

They gave no reason for lifting the decree against Nusrat Bhutto and her daughter, Benazir, but the action came one day before the Sind High Court was to hear an appeal by the two women challenging the detention order.

Mrs. Bhutto and her daughter were arrested in Karachi on Oct. 16 and placed under house arrest by the government of President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq.

Gen. Zia led a military coup that overthrew Bhutto on July 5, 1977. Bhutto was imprisoned and later was convicted of ordering the assassination of a political rival in 1974. The man marked for death escaped but his father was slain in the ambush.

Bhutto was hanged April 4, 1979.

His widow and daughter, arrested two months before the execution and jailed at a police camp near Islamabad, were freed in May 1979. They flew to their home in Karachi and Bhutto's People's Party quickly elected Mrs. Bhutto as party chairman with Benazir as her chief aide.

They were placed under house arrest months later in a crackdown on political agitation.

Only one political leader now remains in detention. He is retired Air Marshal Asghar Khan, head of the Centrist Tehrik Islami Party, who is also appealing his arrest to the Punjab High Court in Lahore.

After her release, Benazir said Wednesday she and her mother had no intention of defying the martial law ban on political activities.

She told newsmen at her late father's

After diplomatic pressure

Rightists release UNIFIL hostages

BEIRUT, April 9 (IRI) — Right-wing Lebanese militiamen bowed to diplomatic pressure Tuesday and released six Irish hostages they had threatened to kill unless Irish peace-keeping troops withdrew from a village in southern Lebanon.

A United Nations spokesman said the rightists had earlier opened fire on Irish troops surrounding the village, sparking off a second gun battle within than 24 hours. One Irish soldier was wounded Tuesday and one Monday.

He said the rightists had freed their hostages after efforts involving several quarters, including the International Red Cross.

Diplomatic sources said that the release followed contacts with the Israeli government which finances, arms and controls

villa that both of them were out of touch with current affairs.

On her future plans, the 28-year-old Miss Bhutto said, "First of all I will have to do a lot of serious thinking. We need to be briefed by our friends on the present situation in the country and abroad."

Asked whether she and her mother would defy the ban on political activities Miss Bhutto said, "The question of taking part in politics in the present circumstances does not arise."

She added: "I am trying to formulate my ideas. I am thinking of setting up a non-political academy which might hold seminars and symposia on the life and work of my father."

The proposed academy would also encourage research on Mr. Bhutto's ideas on art, culture and other matters, Miss Bhutto said, adding that her family would like to build a suitable mausoleum for him in Larkana.

Although she had wanted to do some writing during her detention Miss Bhutto said she had not had the facilities to collect material. "We were allowed to have only four Pakistani newspapers, but no foreign journal or magazine," she added.

She and her mother had kept fit by physical exercises and passed the time in gardening, farming and housework, but her mother had been suffering from low blood pressure, Miss Bhutto said.

She added that she was not afraid of being arrested again, nor had her views on national and international affairs changed during her detention.

On the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan Miss Bhutto said: "I do not have enough information to comment on this sensitive matter. Moreover it would be wrong for me to speak on this subject without consulting my friends."

Assad asserts PLO support

DAMASCUS, April 9 (R) — President Hafez Assad has affirmed Syria's continued support for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) when he received a commando team led by Yasser Arafat.

An official announcement Tuesday night said Arafat, chairman of the PLO Executive Committee, was accompanied by two other commando leaders.

It added that discussions covered the summit conference of Arab leaders opposed to Egypt's peace moves toward Israel to be held soon.

Palestinian sources here had said the summit would be held in Tripoli on Saturday and be preceded by a foreign ministers meeting of the "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front, two days earlier, also in the Libyan capital, to prepare for the conference.

But the Palestine news agency WAFA said Tuesday that the possibility of holding the summit would be decided in the light of the outcome of Thursday's meeting.

The summit had originally been set for March 28 in Damascus, but it was postponed after Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi

Aden minister holds Kuwait talks

KUWAIT, April 9 (Agencies) — The foreign ministers of Kuwait and South Yemen held talks here on bilateral issues and the current situation in the region, it was announced Wednesday.

Salem Saleh Muhammad of South Yemen was to leave the country later for Syria and Libya and it is believed that his discussions centered on the rising tension between Iran and Iraq.

Last week Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber announced that the foreign ministers of South Yemen

U.S. congressmen visiting Algeria

ALGIERS, April 9 (AFP) — A United States congressional delegation led by the chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, Clement Zablocki, arrived here from Rabat Tuesday for a three-day visit on the latest leg of a North African fact-finding tour.

The congressmen are scheduled to confer with National Assembly President Rabah Bitat and several government ministers, including Energy and Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi. They may also meet with President Chadli Benjedid.

Israelis protest economic policy

TEL AVIV, April 9 (AFP) — About 20,000 shops and some services closed for 24 hours in Israel Wednesday in protest at the government's economic policy.

The strike went ahead despite appeals



President Assad

objected to the venue, insisting it be held in Tripoli.

The Steadfastness Front is made up of Syria, Libya, Algeria, South Yemen and the PLO.

The announcement said the Palestinian-Syrian sides also "reviewed the situation in the Arab region from its various aspects."

"President Assad affirmed Syria's continued and solid support for the PLO, the legitimate and sole representative of the Palestine Arab people," it added.

Chad ceasefire shattered by new fierce fighting

N'DJAMENA, April 9 (Agencies) — Heavy fighting broke out again in this embattled capital city of Chad Wednesday despite a truce signed Tuesday by the rival armies preceding it as each side appeared to be seeking to improve and consolidate its position before the truce.

Shelling and bombing resumed early Wednesday morning in many areas of the capital after a quiet night which had led to hopes that Tuesday's ceasefire was going to hold.

Fighting in N'Djamena Wednesday went into its 16th day as forces loyal to President Goukouni Oueddei battled with those of Defense Minister Hissene Habre.

So far about 800 people have been killed and 2,000 wounded.

The fighting was particularly intense in the northeast area of the town near a strategic gendarmerie barracks close to a French air force base where 1,100 French combat troops are stationed.

The midday ceasefire — pieced together over the weekend by Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema — had appeared precarious from the start, with fierce fighting preceding it as each side appeared to be seeking to improve and consolidate its position before the truce.

Throughout the day some 120 explosions from mortar and cannon could be heard. Some 30 of the blasts occurred at 16.30 local time, four and a half hours after hostilities began.

Meanwhile, Organization of African Unity (OAU) Secretary-General Edem Kodjo, who arrived here Tuesday, has started talks with President Goukouni. He was accompanied by Dawitt Egizab, chairman of the OAU Control Commission for Chad, set up under the August 1979 Lagos agreement on Chadian reconciliation, signed by Chad's 11 warring factions.

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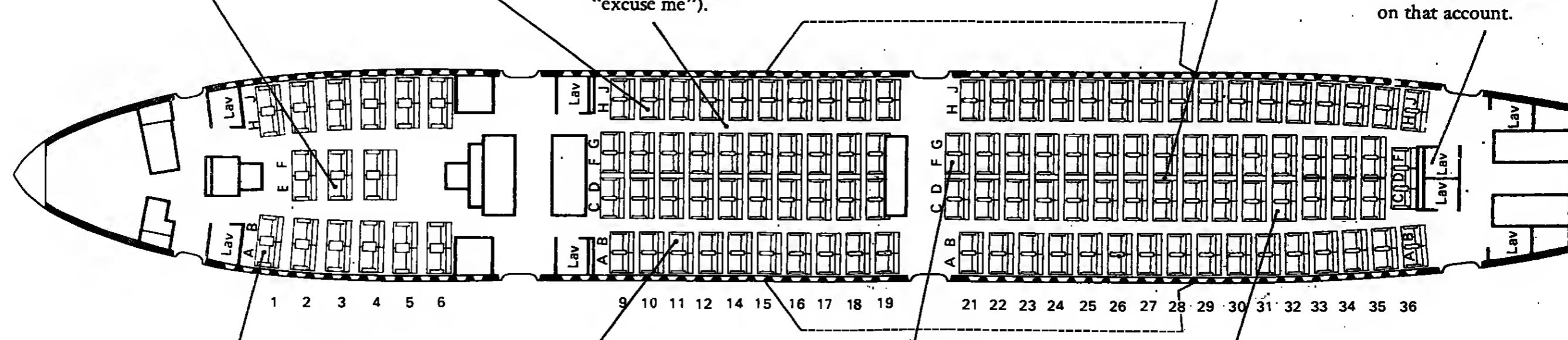
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*Boycott pressure increased***Carter urges quick Olympic decision**

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter once again used high-ranking officials in his administration Tuesday to assert pressure on U.S. Olympic officials to vote quickly to support his demand for an American boycott of the summer games in Moscow.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said he told a 2½-hour meeting of 40 athletes and officials that "I could think of no single peaceful action which could so fully and forcefully indicate the importance that we attach to this matter than their support of their government's position on the Olympic boycott."

Vance's comments came a day after Carter sent a message to members of the U.S.

Liverpool win boosts First Division lead

LONDON, April 9 (R) — Colin Irwin, a 22-year-old reserve defender, helped champions Liverpool move four points clear of Manchester United in the English Division One title chase by scoring in the 3-0 home defeat of Derby.

Irwin, deputizing for the injured Alan Kennedy, put Liverpool ahead in the 20th minute. England international David Johnson added a second in the 49th minute and a Keith Osgood goal sealed Derby's fate.

Both Liverpool and Manchester United have five league matches left.

Sturminster are the new leaders of the Second Division after their 2-1 away win at Shrewsbury. Bryan Robson's 18th goal of the season and a Stan Cummins free kick earned them a maximum six-point haul over Eastern.

In Scotland Premier Division leaders Celtic suffered their second successive defeat, losing 3-0 away to Dundee United. They hold a five-point lead over Aberdeen, who have played two games fewer.

Meanwhile, in Leeds, controversy is brewing between television and football teams. Television companies have had their football on the cheap for too long and the time has come for English Football League clubs to make a stand on the question of wearing sponsors' names on shirts, said Jimmy Adamson, the Leeds manager.

Adamson said Tuesday that television has had an uneasy relationship with football for several years and another clash seemed to be on the way over televising matches involving teams wearing sponsors' names on shirts.

Adamson stated: "It is essential that the game attracts extra revenue from commercial activities, such as sponsorship, and I do not believe that television has the right to dictate to clubs over advertising on shirts."

Olympic Committee in which he underlined his insistence that the group's House of Delegates vote this weekend to honor the boycott.

The 300-member House of Delegates meets in Colorado Saturday to decide whether to send a team to Moscow.

One participant at the State Department meeting, Anita DeFranzis of Princeton, a rower who is a member of the USOC's Athletes Advisory Committee in addition to being in the House of Delegates, said she found nothing new in the administration's arguments.

"One of the significant problems the delegates face is that we have our own constitution," said DeFranzis. "Under the constitution, the delegates are to act without political pressure and support the Olympic movement."

"No one is going to question their (the administration's) expertise in foreign affairs, but they don't understand the Olympic movement," said DeFranzis, who indicated she would vote against an Olympic boycott.

Olan Cassell, former executive director of the Amateur Athletic Union and now with

Athletics Congress of the USA, a track and field organization, said he did not know how the delegates would vote.

"The information we had today was already in the press," he said. "There are a lot of people who think they need more than what has been told us."

The State Department meeting was the second the senior Carter administration officials have held with members of the House of Delegates to underline the case for a boycott. They also met with the news media in an effort to gain public support of the president's position.

In a message sent to USOC President Robert J. Kane and members of the House of Delegates, released Tuesday by the White House, Carter said, "In these circumstances, a USOC decision to send a team to Moscow would be against our national interest and would damage our national security."

"It would indicate to the Soviets — and the entire world that the U.S. lacks the resolve to oppose Soviet aggression. It would be perceived as a vindication of the Soviet action, and you can be sure that the Soviets would so portray (U.S. presence.)"



RECOIL: Harold Volbrecht of South Africa recoils after taking a blow to the head by Pipo Cuevas of Mexico. Volbrecht, rated sixth in the WBA, the challenger, lost to Cuevas in the fifth round last week.

Gains No. 1 ranking**Austin usurps Navratilova**

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, April 9 (AP) — Tracy Austin learned Tuesday after defeating Rebeca Richards in the second round of the \$150,000 tournament at Sea Pines Racquet Club that she had just been ranked number one in the world in women's tennis.

After Tracy downed Richards, 6-4, 8-3, her mother, Jeanne, whispered the news to the 17-year-old star as she was answering questions from the news media about the match.

"I can't believe it," Austin cried, breaking into a grin. "It's a miracle."

It was Austin's defeat of former front-ranked Czech Martina Navratilova twice in the past two weeks that boosted her to the top of the list in the Women's Tennis Association computer rankings, released Tuesday by the WTA.

Austin has a total of 16.347 points, just 0.94 more than Navratilova. She is the youngest number one-ranked tennis player in the world since the computer was put in use in 1975. Navratilova and Chris Evert are the only other women to hold front ranking under the computer system.

In other second-round action, four seed Kathy Jordan defeated Joanne Russell, 62, 7-5, and 14-year-old Andrea Jaeger defeated Raquel Giscafe of Argentina, 6-1, 8-0.

Australian-born Evonne Goolagong, second-seeded in the tournament, begins play Wednesday against Sharon Walsh.

"I'm not going to let this ranking change my game," said Austin. "But now that I have it, I want to hold on to it for awhile."

She is the defending champion in the tournament here, sponsored by Family Circle magazine.

In Houston, Texas, Australia's Rod

Frawley overcame an early second-set lag to upset fifth-seeded Manuel Orantes 7-6, 7-5 and sixth-seeded Ivan Lendl beat Peter Feigl 6-2, 6-2 Tuesday in first-round matches of the world championship tennis tournament at River Oaks Country Club.

Second-seeded Harold Solomon of the United States played Thomas Smid of Czechoslovakia later Tuesday.

Frawley and Orantes duelled all the way to the 14th point of a first-set tiebreaker game before the Australian finally won.

With the tie-breaker tied at 6-all, Orantes hit an overhead into the net and then drove a forehand into the net for the 8-6 score.

Orantes broke Frawley after four deuces in the third game of the second set and went on to take a 3-1 lead. But Frawley fought back, breaking Orantes in the sixth and 12th games.

Orantes fought off one match point in the 12th game but then two consecutive backhand errors gave Frawley the match over.

Lendl dominated his match against Feigl, breaking his serve in the third and fifth games of the opening set and in the third and seventh games of the second set. Lendl is from Czechoslovakia and Feigl from Austria.

In another first-round match Tuesday, Buster Mottram of Great Britain eliminated Italy's Corrado Barazzuti 7-5, 6-1. Mottram took control of the match in the second set when Barazzuti became upset over several close calls by linesmen.

Fourth-seeded Hans Gildemeister of Chile had to withdraw from the tournament because of the illness of his 9-month-old daughter.

Johnsons lead Lakers, Suns

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP) — If what Los Angeles' Earvin Johnson did to the Phoenix Suns was magic, then what Seattle's Dennis Johnson did to the Milwaukee Bucks was downright Legerdemain.

Johnson and Johnson opened up on different ends of the West coast Tuesday to get their respective teams, the Los Angeles Lakers and the Seattle SuperSonics, off on the right foot in the opener of their best-of-seven National Basketball Association Conference semifinal series.

In Los Angeles, Earvin "Magic" Johnson had 13 point, 16 assists and 12 rebounds to lead the Lakers to a 119-110 victory over the Suns. While the magic show was doing its tricks, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar contributed 30 points, Norm Nixon 26 and Jamaal Wilkes 19.

Minter denies Antufermo bout

LONDON, April 9 (R) — World middleweight boxing champion Alan Minter of Britain said that he would not defend his title against American Vito Antufermo in June.

In Houston, Texas Monday promoter Bob Arum said Minter had agreed to stage his first title defense, in either Hartford, Connecticut, Houston or Las Vegas, Florida, against Antufermo, the man he beat for the title on March 16.

But Tuesday Minter said his first world champion would be held in Britain.

He said, "There is no way I can accept a date in the United States at such short notice. I would need at least two months to become acclimated. In any case, my first duty is to my supporters in this country."

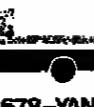
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Community News

By Staff Writers

JEDDAH — The Dar el Hanaan school annual book week opened on Monday, April 7 and will continue through April 13. There was a special hour for men on April 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A variety of fiction and non-fiction both in English and Arabic are on display and for sale. There is also an exhibition of illustrations, paintings and portraits of famous authors, artists and places done by the students. It is a beautiful and informative display which should please both connoisseur and casual reader alike.

Mr. Charles McIntosh, of Clarke County, Virginia, is leaving Jeddah after six months as an Economy Forms Corp. consultant at the Holiday Inn project. Mr. McIntosh is to spend two weeks on vacation in Bangkok before starting work in England and Syria.

The Continental School adult education program ended a highly successful term with a reception for those involved and an exhibition of their work at the end of March. The CACE (Continental Adult College Education) as the programs is called, will be offering courses in Arabic, German, French, Spanish and English in its next term starting April 19. There will also be courses in physical education, art, pottery, guitar, flower arranging, and beauty tips. Registration dates are April 12 to 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the school which is near the British Embassy. Tuition fees are SR300 per term for all courses except English, which is offered twice a week at SR600 per term. Call 690515.

The Indian Residence, with its lovely garden, thanks to the care of Mrs. Karen Solera, the wife of the ambassador, is full of pictures, icons and other items and is virtually a museum. This was the setting of an informal bridge dinner hosted by the Soleras last Wednesday. The last rubber was a marathon 50 points plus at one table.

Another ambassador in the news is Mr. Bent Soendergaard of Denmark who is going to a round of parties before leaving next week. The Saudi Foreign Ministry hosted a dinner for him at the Kandara Palace Hotel. The Danish ambassador, who has spent over three years here, is soon to take up his post in Mexico City, a country not unfamiliar to him where he served before in the early part of his career.

DHAHRAH — The well known carpet merchant, Hassan Maktabi, addressed audiences at Aramco and UPM on the subject of oriental carpets during the week of his exhibition at Al-Khobar's Algosaihi Hotel.

Westinghouse of Dammam arranged a tea party in honor of those UPM students who participated in the university program under Westinghouse supervision in various parts of the U.S.

A film crew from Exxon Middle East Industries visited the Eastern Province, to shoot footage for a documentary film that treats various aspects of the kingdom's development in the past few years.

A difficult, satisfying production

By Libby Vernon das Bray

JEDDAH — The Saudi Equity Theatre serves high praise for its production of Peter Shaffer's "Equus." The play is the study of a boy's psyche. At the same time, it examines mankind's primitive needs and society's effect upon them.

The boy has blinded six horses. A psychiatrist seeks to discover why, and, through therapy, to cure him of his problems. Stephen May is superb in the demanding role of the boy. He conveys an entire emotional spectrum — from sullen withdrawal to hysterical frenzy — convincingly and compellingly. The subtleties of his personality slowly come out by the psychiatrist are beautifully portrayed.

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This problem plagued several of the minor characters as well, most noticeably the boy's mother. Both parents, played by Mary Sybille and Phil Withers, are well-cast. We clearly see their feelings of guilt and anxiety as they ask themselves who is to blame for the boy's terrible deed.

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50 years on and memories linger

Going home again to a Queens childhood

By Jack Goulding

NEW YORK — The gold lettering above the heavy glass and wrought-iron door was the same as when I had seen it nearly 50 years ago: "The Seneca."

The four-story brick building on Menahan Street in the Ridgewood section of Queens where I lived as a child was named after Seneca Avenue, a cobblestone street a block away where hunching trolley cars clattered their way to Brooklyn.

Before I entered the building I looked up out of habit to the top floor window where my mother often sat watching the neighborhood activity below her.

The heavy front door swung noiselessly on its hinges and I stepped into the tiled vestibule, facing a gleaming battery of mailboxes and doorbells. I looked for Apt. 16 and saw a strange name in the slot.

I pushed the button and an answering click opened the second door that led to a long hallway and marble stairs leading up through the building.

As I climbed each floor I could remember some of the families who had lived there long ago. Emil Ritter, who once owned the building, Ted Stoll, a friend who went all through World War II as a marine artillery officer only to die in a traffic accident with his wife shortly after his wedding, a cop by the name of Riordan, and Mrs. Karle, a friend of my mother.

I was sure that after 50 years the Seneca and the surrounding neighborhood would be victims of neglect and decay. But I was wrong. The old box-like building was just as I had remembered it, clean, well cared for, dignified.

The handrails on the iron bannisters gleamed with fresh varnish. The tile floor was spotless and the metal fire doors at each apartment looked newly painted.

As I neared the top floor, I saw standing in the open doorway to Apt. 16 a bewildered elderly man and his wife, both staring at the winded stranger who had rung their bell.

I tried to explain that I had lived in their apartment years ago and would like to have another look at it for sentimental reasons.

With his wife tugging at his sweater the man shook his head emphatically and closed the door.

But as long as I was on the top floor, I climbed the last flight of stairs, unhooked the door and stepped out on the roof.

The day was sparkling clear. The Manhattan skyline 10 miles away across Brooklyn and the East River stood out starkly.

I could pick out the neighborhood streets whose names still have a warm ring, Grove, Bleeker, St. Nicholas, Cornelia, Stanhope, Woodward, de Kalb, even Onderdonk.

When we lived on Menahan Street the rent was \$43. Today it ranges from \$200 to \$250.

Our apartment had five rooms, two bedrooms, a dining room, the front room (We didn't call it a living room because much of the year it was too cold to live in) and a kitchen and bathroom.

The only heat came from the coal stove in the kitchen and gas heaters. The only way to live inexpensively and in comfort during the winter months was to trap all the stove heat in the kitchen, close that room off from the rest of the apartment and stay there.

In those days when it came time for my brother and me to go to bed we would undress in the kitchen, sprint through the living room and down the hall to the bedroom and dive under an icy weight of blankets. The route was reversed in the morning, trading the warm bed for the kitchen and hoping you didn't forget anything in your flight and have to make a return trip.

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We were emigres to Ridgewood from Greenwich Village in search of living space, which was fast disappearing in Manhattan. I suppose my father was seeking suburbia, and in a sense he found it. Ridgewood, some about 10 miles from the city.

Thousands of Europeans had had the same idea earlier and moved out of New York's slums to the open spaces of Long Island. The job market attracted large numbers of Germans to Ridgewood. They remain.

There was a distant thunder of war in Ridgewood in the early 1930s when squads of young uniformed Nazi Bundists goosestepped along Menahan Street on Sunday mornings.

The cadence calls, the singing of the grim-faced youths and the clomping of their jackboots were marking a new era. We children just taunted and laughed at them.

The marchers crossed Onderdonk Avenue and filed into a German hall named Ridgewood Hall.

There is no way of telling whatever became of the young marchers, but Ridgewood Hall eventually became Fitzgerald's Saloon.

Pro-Nazi activity in the neighborhood was always under control, and there was no violence in the streets.

A favorite pastime in Ridgewood was what my mother used to call "hanging out the window" to watch the activity in the street.

From her kitchen my mother could keep track of the time by looking at the clock in St. Aloysius Church a few blocks away and the tallest structure in Ridgewood.

Some days women in the windows would be serenaded by small German street bands in exchange for a few coins tossed down. The musicians caught the coins in their caps while they played.

Leather-lunged fruit and vegetable peddlers with horse-drawn wagons would hawk their produce around the neighborhood, eyeing the windows on both sides of the street so as not to miss a sale.

The women in the windows would bargain by shouting, toss the money down to the peddler, who would then send a kid upstairs to make the delivery.

By "hanging out the window" the women of the neighborhood could also keep tabs on local menfolk "crushing the growler."

The "growler" was a metal bucket, which a man could have filled at the neighborhood cafe. In a German neighborhood like Ridgewood there was at least one such watering hole at every intersection.

Stern's was a hole-in-the-wall "candy store" on Seneca Avenue where I started my paper route. I delivered the *Staats-Zeitung* and the *Herold*, popular German-language papers. Stern would fold the papers, scribble the customer's name on each one and admonish us to drop them off at right house, not on the sidewalk, not on the stoop, but in the hallway.

Stern also sold magazines, cigars, penny candy and cigarettes, including loose cigarettes for a penny each. To clear the heads of his early morning customers Stern placed a can of snuff on the counter and invited them to have the first pinch of the day on the house.

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Stern's store is still there but no one seemed to know what happened to my first boss. The current owner sells the same sort of merchandise, but snuff is no longer free for the early birds. Nor will she open a pack to sell loose cigarettes.

One German paper is no longer published

and the other is no longer home delivered. The Sterns lived in cubbyhole quarters at the rear of their tiny store, and everyone who traded there used to say that as soon as you entered the place you could tell what they were having for dinner.

From the turn of the century, Ridgewood had a reputation as a baseball town. Any vacant lot relatively free of weeds and stones became a Sunday ball park for sandlot teams.

It cost spectators nothing more than a few coins when the hat was passed for the players.

When I lived in Ridgewood the Farmers' Oval, a real ballpark, was within walking distance of my home. The home team was named the Ridgewood Farmers as a reminder of the days when most Ridgewood people were just that. The team played every Sunday, with double headers on holidays.

For an admission price of 25 cents, when you couldn't sneak in or shag a ball that had gone over the fence, you could see the hometown team play such semi-pro teams as the Springfield Greys, the Bearded House of David, the Cuban All Stars, the Bushwicks, the Empires and the Bucharach Giants.

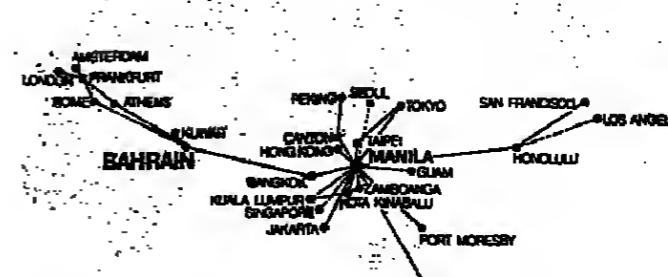
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Embassy refugees eye hunger strike

HAVANA. April 9 (Agencies) — Thousands of Cubans crammed into Peru's embassy in Havana have threatened to go on hunger strike.

The threat, they said, was aimed at drawing world attention to their demand to leave Cuba and the appalling conditions they are living in five days after they began flooding into the embassy grounds.

They sent off petition at the same time to Pope John Paul asking him to help find a solution and to President Jimmy Carter appealing to him to grant them visas to enter the United States.

Similar appeals went to Venezuela, Costa Rica, Spain and Peru, itself now planning to ask its Andean allies for help in coping with the crisis.

The Cubans poured into the embassy last week when Cuban President Fidel Castro withdrew guards from the building after a series of attempts by would-be refugees to crash their cars onto embassy grounds.

Conditions now are deteriorating. Hundreds of small children, many of them naked, lie in their own excrement and urine.

Stampede to embassy called sign of Cuba's internal woes

WASHINGTON. April 9 (AFP) — The rush of 10,000 Cubans to gain asylum at the Peruvian embassy in Havana was eloquent proof that Fidel Castro's regime is up against deep-seated domestic problems, official sources and other observers agreed here Wednesday.

The depth of Cuban discontent became clear when the minute the government lifted police protection from the Peruvian embassy on Friday, Cubans flocked in their thousands in the hope of quitting their homeland.

The problem of Cubans seeking refuge in Latin American embassies with the idea of being granted safe passage out of Havana has caused diplomatic friction over the last few months, especially with Venezuela and Peru.

The Venezuelan Foreign Ministry recently accused the Cuban government of violating or ignoring international conventions on political asylum.

Cuba retaliated to the accusation by threatening to lift police protection from diplomatic missions in its capital, after several people were killed or wounded in shootouts which developed each time a group of Cubans attempted to force their way into an embassy.

When the threat was made good, the results were spectacular and dramatic.

Reliable sources here said Wednesday that the official Cuban position that most of the

Lavatories are inadequate and the fetid smell makes fears of an epidemic ever stronger.

Cuba has said the refugees can leave as soon as another country gives them entry visas. Peru said Tuesday night it could take only some of them.

Castro has ordered a supply of box lunches to them but some have refused to eat them as they come from the Cuban government.

The move by the refugees to start a hunger strike appeared to put what had been a sporadic protest on an organized basis. An emotional attack on the refugees was blasted out from the loudspeakers of a sound truck which toured Havana's Miramar section, where the embassy is situated, Tuesday.

The message demanded that "the Bums, anti-social elements, delinquents and trash get out of Cuba."

Cuba has offered safe conduct passes to the refugees to leave the embassy until their time comes to leave the country. Three thousand have been issued by the government in an apparent attempt to relieve the conditions in the compound.

But many refugees who have accepted

10,000 were "hooligans, tramps and homosexuals" had only strengthened their conviction that the incident was a genuine demonstration of mass discontent. San Department spokesman Hodding Carter voiced this opinion Tuesday.

The Cuban decision to allow anyone to leave the island was also interpreted here as a government maneuver to deprive the 10,000 packed into a tiny embassy garden of their refugee status, as defined by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. A refugee is defined as someone fleeing his country to avoid persecution or actual danger.

Senior U.S. officials pointed out Wednesday that with crises simmering in much of Latin America, the embassy incident had given a serious knock to Cuba's credibility as a "model society" and an example for Latin America and the entire Third World.

These officials noted that the flood of refugees had also dealt a hefty blow to Castro's personal prestige, especially in his capacity as chairman of the non-aligned movement.

Commenting on this role Wednesday, the *Washington Post* wrote: "Economically, socialist Cuba is even more colonially dependent on a single export crop than pre-Castro Cuba."

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President Castro

them said they had been jeered at or beaten by neighbors who are loyal to the Castro government.

They said members of neighborhood Committee for Defense of the Revolution had held meetings in front of the homes of refugees who had temporarily left the embassy on safe conduct visits.

While the refugees awaited help, more than 200 tons of relief supplies sat idle in a Miami warehouse after the Cuban government rejected offers of international aid.

According to the Red Cross, the food, medicine, clothing and more than \$2,000 in cash were donated in an outpouring from Cuban exiles. All we need is for Fidel to say okay," said Rolando Becerra, a newsman at WQBA, a Spanish-language radio station that collected the supplies. "We have six or seven or eight planes at our disposal."

But word relayed through the Red Cross indicated the Castro government did not help.

Anibal Irastorza, assistant manager of the Dade County chapter of the Red Cross, said the organization's international committee in Geneva, Switzerland, contacted the Cuban government to offer aid for the refugees at the embassy.

"Their response was that they were able to take care of the people in the embassy, that they had enough supplies, that they would not accept any international assistance," Irastorza said.

Radio Havana denounced the embassy throng Tuesday as "parasites, vagrants and bums who endanger the security of diplomatic immunity, as well as the lives of our soldiers, custodians of foreign embassies."

"Let the vagrants go," said the broadcast monitored in Miami. It said hundreds of thousands of other Cubans were speaking out in a "spontaneous reaction" supporting the Castro government.

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Unions fined \$1 m for New York strike

NEW YORK, April 9 (R) — A judge has imposed a \$1 million fine on the unions representing 33,500 New York City transport workers who walked off their jobs nine days ago halting America's biggest public transit system.

The judge declared that the strike by locals of the Transport Workers union and the Amalgamated Transit union was illegal and warned that he would impose more fines if the walkout did not end immediately.

The strike has forced millions of New Yorkers and commuters to find alternate means of getting to work. The city's streets have been jammed with extra cars, bicyclists, joggers, skaters, hitchhikers and just plain

pedestrians since the walkout started April 1.

Monteleone's order came after several days of hearings to determine if the strike violated New York state's Taylor law, which prohibits strikes by public employees.

He found that it did and added, "In the light the court directs that the union instruct their members to go back to work and to leave negotiations to those having special skills in the art of collective bargaining."

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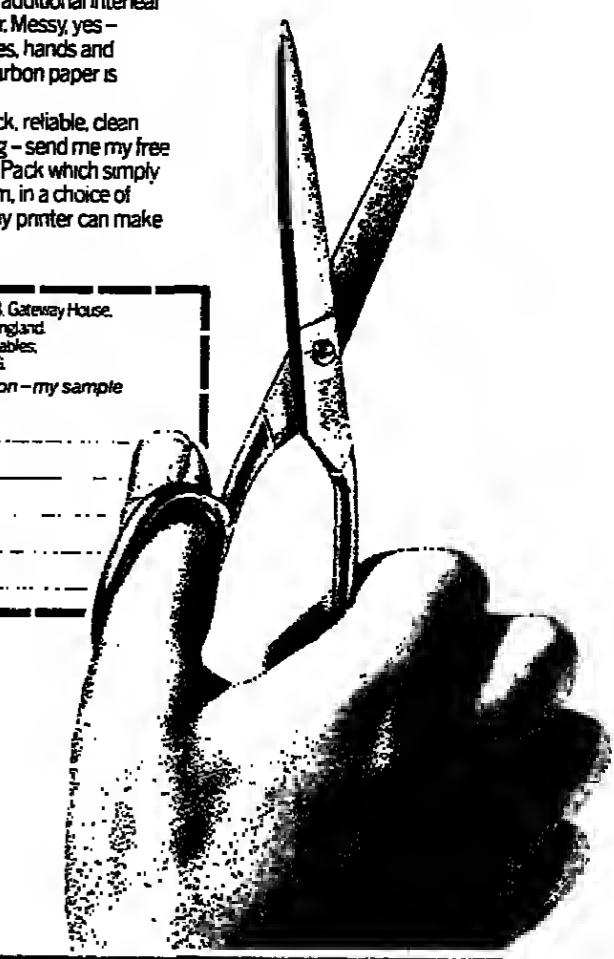
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Taxes hurt U.S. trade, top Carter aide says

Businessmen urged to monitor situation

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP) — A tax break for Americans working outside the United States was urged Tuesday by Reubin Askew, President Jimmy Carter's top man on international trade.

It would be one way, he said, to help reverse the decline of the United States in its position as a world trader. He put the present system of taxation at the top of his list of "export disincentives."

Emphasizing that he was speaking from a personal viewpoint and not for everyone in the administration, he said:

"The current provisions discourage Americans from competing in foreign markets and encourage those Americans who do compete to hire non-Americans to work for them. Neither of these results is in our national interest."

Askew was speaking to the Chemical Manufacturers' Association. Queried after his speech, he said the U.S. government is being "penny-wise and pound-foolish" on this tax issue. Firms operating outside the United States, he said, have to send out enough managers to support their growth, and he made it clear that he feels the tax provisions discourage them from doing so.

But Askew said he sees no chance for a change in the present system unless there is a general tax bill put before the U.S. Congress. Carter has opposed a general tax cut. Several bills have been introduced in Congress to help Americans living abroad, but no hearings have been scheduled on any of them.

Under the present system, Americans residing in other countries pay taxes on the income they get from the United States, subject to special deductions for increased living costs in other countries. But many other governments collect no taxes at all on their citizens working away from their native land.

Many American companies have found they have to compensate their employees for the extra tax burden if they want them to take

jobs outside the United States. They have lobbied heavily to get the law changed.

The reference to taxes was one of two points that drew applause during Askew's speech. The other came when he promised to use all U.S. rights under international agreements to get trade concessions from Western Europe in return for the decision to let Britain limit its imports of American synthetic yarn.

"We hope we can reach agreement with the Europeans on compensatory concessions," he said, "primarily in the same product sector, and thus offset the trade damage to the United States. If not, we will pursue our rights under the GATT, which allows us to suspend the application of substantially equivalent concessions or other obligations to the trade of either the United Kingdom or the European community."

GATT stands for the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The dispute has arisen because American synthetic yarns are made largely from petroleum. Since the U.S. government holds down the price of domestic oil, the yarns are cheaper when they are sold in Europe than they otherwise might be. The European community — the Common Market — in Brussels therefore has granted Britain the right to hold down imports from the United States, thus protecting British yarn makers from American competition.

Askew added afterwards that he had been "in touch with Brussels" over a ruling by a court in Milan that would hold down U.S. exports of yarn to Italy as well on the ground that they had been dumped below a fair price.

Under Common Market rules, decisions of this kind are made centrally for all nine member countries: France, West Germany, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Ireland and Luxembourg as well as Britain and Italy.

Askew assured the businessmen he would follow the situation closely and asked them to keep his office informed whenever they hear about violations of international trading rules.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.22	7.35	7.32
Deutsche Mark (100)	171.00	178.00	177.10
Swiss F (100)	180.00	189.00	187.75
French F (100)	74.00	77.00	77.00
Italian Lira (10,000)	37.00	39.00	38.10
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.00	97.65
Syrian Lira (100)		77.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound	4.30	4.40	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.20	12.10	
Jordanian Dinar	10.95	10.88	
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.50	89.50	
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.00	91.00	
Bahraini Dinar	8.92	8.92	
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	
Iraq Dinar (100)	—	—	
Yemeni Riyal (100)	73.75	73.25	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	82.00	82.25	
India Rupee (100)	—	41.60	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.90	
Turkish Lira (1000)	45.45	—	
Gold kg.	59,000.00	—	
10 Tolas bar	6,950.00	—	
Silver kg.	—	—	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.30	—	13.16
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	107.00	—	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	156.00	—	162.20
Spanish Peso	50.50	—	48.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	82.00	—	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	45.00	—
Singapore	—	—	1.45

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FRENCH NUCLEAR: In an effort to ease its dependence on imported oil, France has announced a plan to convert 30 per cent of its energy production to nuclear power by 1989. The plan also should help control France's growing trade imbalance.

Nuclear power to cut French oil

PARIS, April 9 (R) — France is stepping up its construction of nuclear power stations in a bid to cut its dependence on imported oil.

The program, also designed to help restore an increasingly adverse trade balance, has been undertaken by protest from ecologists.

New plants being built include plutonium-fuelled fast breeders. President Valery Giscard D'Estaing's government just unveiled a plan entailing unprecedented investments aimed at reducing the contribution of oil to only one-third of the total energy requirement by the end of the decade, compared with two thirds five years ago.

Under the plan, the share of different sources of energy by 1990 will be oil 30 per cent, compared with 56 per cent in 1979, coal and gas 30 per cent (unchanged from last year), nuclear power 30 per cent from 4.5 per cent in 1979, other sources including hydroelectric power 10 per cent, an increase of 0.5 per cent from 1979.

Barring any new oil price rises this year, France's energy import bill including oil, gas and coal is estimated at 110 billion francs (\$24 billion) compared with \$2.5 billion francs (\$18 billion) last year.

The French face a record trade deficit approaching 50 billion francs (\$11 billion) this year, largely due to higher oil and raw material prices and a sharp appreciation of the dollar, government officials said.

Industry Minister Andre Giraud said nuclear plants will be built along the channel coast, in the Gironde Valley of southwest France, on the Franco-German border, in the

Late trading helps market gain

NEW YORK, April 9 — In the last few hours of trading, the market turned in its best performance of the day after a midday recovery from an earlier low of minus 5.29 in moderate trading. The Commerce Department reported family housing sales fell 10 per cent in February. Consumer credit was reported yesterday after the close up slightly above 1 per cent annual rate adjustment of 2.91 billion, and new credit rose 2.4 per cent the adjusted 27.35 billion.

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Most advanced: GM 51 up 1%, TEXACO 12.5 up 1%, EXXON 5.1% down 4, ITT 24% up 9%, SEAGRAMS 56 up 2%, MOHIL 64% up 2%, Colgate-Palmolive 12% up 1%, Engelhard 11%, and Chase 27% up 1%. ATT 4% up 1%, and Howard Johnson 17% up 1%.

Most advanced: St. Joe Minerals 5% to 41%, Superior oil 3% to 13%, Dome Minn 2% to 56%, Texaco 2% to 125%, OKC corp. 2% to 48%, ASARCO 2% to 34%, Mobil 2% to 64%, Seagram 2% to 56, Standard 2% to 10%, and NYL 2% to 56%.

Most advanced: New York 1% to 37%, Hawaiian 1% to 25%, Petland 1% to 30%, Maytag 1% to 21%, Texas Pacific Land 1% to 28, Oak Inds. 1% to 29%, Conair Ind. 1 to 13%, Hecks Corp. 1% to 10%, SMC Co. 1% to 67% and Penn Dixie Inds. 1% to 1%.

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Rhone valley of central France, and even close to the Riviera, as well as near Paris.

"There is no alternative to nuclear energy to safeguard France's independence as an atomic power and industrial nation," he said.

To overcome local hostility and even win sympathy, the government has offered major electricity tariff cuts to people in areas where nuclear power plants are being built.

Qatar opposes oil price rises

DOHA, Qatar, April 9 (AP) — The Gulf state of Qatar is against any sharp increase in oil prices that adversely affect the economic well being of the world, Oil Minister Seikh Abdul-Aziz Bin Khalifa said Wednesday.

Our policy is for the prices to increase gradually, but we are completely and categorically against any sharp (production) decrease that damages the economy of the world or causes inflation, the minister told a group of Danish reporters.

Sheikh Abdul-Aziz made his remarks after a brief session of oil talks with Danish Minister of Energy Paul Nielsen.

He said there is a glut of 2 million barrels a day of crude oil in the world, and this will cause spot-market prices to decline in the foreseeable future.

Taipei seeks Mexico oil

TAIPEI, April 9 (R) — Nationalist China is negotiating with Mexico for the direct purchase of crude oil to ease its supply problems, the president of the Chinese Petroleum Corporation, T. H. Lee, said Wednesday.

Lee, who returned here yesterday from initial negotiations in Mexico, said the only problem in buying the Mexican crude is transportation costs, because large tankers cannot pass through the Panama Canal.

"We have to think of better ways of transporting the crude before we decide to buy oil from Mexico directly," he said.

Japan most vulnerable to cutoff of Iranian oil

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP) — A cutoff of Iranian oil shipments to U.S. allies joining in sanctions against the country would have its greatest impact on Japan, sources said Tuesday.

The cutoff was hinted by Oil Minister Ali Akbar Moinfar, who said Iran's answer to economic pressure from U.S. allies "would be the same answer we gave the Americans."

Iran last November ordered a halt in shipments of oil to the United States as the crisis escalated over the holding of hostages in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Iran's action was followed by President Jimmy Carter's ban on purchases of Iranian oil by U.S. companies.

A reliable U.S. government source, who asked not to be identified, estimated Iran's daily oil production at about 2.5 million 42-gallon barrels. Iran exports about 1.5 million to 2 million barrels of its oil output, he said.

Current production is down from 5.2 million barrels a day in 1978 and 3.1 million barrels a day at the end of 1979.

Japan obtains 550,000 barrels a day — about 10 per cent of its oil needs — from Iran, the source said. Western European nations import 600,000 barrels a day from Iran. 5 per cent of their oil use, he said.

But the worldwide impact of a cutoff may be softened, in the opinion of one industry analyst, because buyers are about to reduce their purchases of Iranian oil anyway. Iranian oil is much more expensive than the average current world price.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, an industry

publication, estimates the effective cost of Iran's basic grade of crude oil after supercharges and other contract terms are considered is nearly \$38 dollars a barrel, \$4 above the country's official price.

Saudi Arabia, which produces 9.5 million barrels a day, charged \$26 for a nearly identical grade of oil.

Marshall Thomas, markets editor for the weekly, said that because of the high price buyers may not be purchasing all the oil they are entitled to under contract.

Germany moves to boost mark

BONN, West Germany, April 9 (AP) — West Germany is selling the U.S. government one billion marks of Bonn government paper. Finance Ministry officials said Tuesday.

The transaction was argued upon "over the weekend," German officials said without disclosing further details.

Manfred Lahnstein, ministry state secretary for monetary affairs, previously had disclosed that Bonn, in its efforts to import capital, would seek to sell German government paper against marks to the United States.

He explained that because of the recent weakness of the mark against the dollar, the United States has accumulated excess marks through support buying of the West German currency.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Jeddah	Al-Aqiq Park, southern Jeddah	34	1000	May 6
" " "	Al-Sheraa Park, southern Jeddah	35	1000	May 6
" " "	Al-Razaz Park, southern Jeddah	36	1000	May 6
" " "	Al-Shubak Park, southern Jeddah	37	1000	May 10
" " "	Al-Lulu Park, southern Jeddah	38	1000	May 10
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	April 3	April 4
US Dollar	1.4250	1.4252
Australian Dollar	1.16072	1.16172
Austrian Schilling	17.3756	17.3756
Belgian Franc	38.8625	38.8625
Canadian Dollar	1.3112	1.3112
Deutsche Mark	2.4399	2.4399
French Franc	2.1462	2.1462
Iranian Rial	67.3240	67.3240
Belgian Franc	32.580	31.965
Denmark	7.0721	7.0721
Norway	5.2280	5.2285
Sweden	4.5200	4.4965
Japan	253.350	256.450
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Australia	1.0100	1.0100
Spain	1.1440	1.1440
Finland	1.2414	1.2414
Greece	1.0200	1.0200
Kuwaiti Dinar	0.344177	0.342267
Malaysian Ringgit	2.0000	2.0000
South African Rand	1.0000	1.0000
Swiss Franc	2.30750	2.30750
U.A.E. Dirham	4.54509	4.54509
Venezuelan Bolivar	1.0000	1.0000

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	April 2	April 3
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Canada	2,5655-2,5745	2,5655-2,5745
UK	3,1450-3,1475	3,1450-3,1475
w. Germany	4,1975-4,2075	4,1975-4,2075
France	0,5715-0,5805	0,5715-0,5805
Netherlands	4,5890-4,5900	4,5890-4,5900
Belgium	62,51-62,74	62,51-62,74
Sweden	9,5355-9,5495	9,5355-9,5495
Denmark	13,0720-13,0830	13,0720-13,0830
Italy	11,1250-11,1350	11,1250-11,1350
Spain	1,5744-1,5781	1,5744-1,5781
Portugal	110,43-110,97	110,43-110,97
Austria	30,00-30,14	30,00-30,14
Spain	0,8200-0,8250	0,8200-0,8250
Iceland	1,1210-1,1225	1,1210-1,1225

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Closing Gold Prices (in US Dollars per troy ounce)

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International

Tehran captors threaten 'We will kill spies-hostages'

TEHRAN, April 9 (AP) — The militants occupying the U.S. embassy in Tehran Wednesday threatened to kill their 50 American hostages — "burn them into ashes" — if the administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter takes any military action against Iran.

The militants' threat came as U.S. officials were hinting at a naval blockade or mining of Iran's ports if Carter's new economic and



Gholzadeh: Can't guarantee hostages' safety

diplomatic sanctions fail to free the hostages, who were in their 15th day in captivity Wednesday.

"In the name of God the avenger we plainly warn the criminal government of the United States that if it undertakes even the smallest military intervention in Iran we will kill all the spies-hostages together and we emphatically warn the respected U.S. nation that the criminals of the U.S. administration will be directly responsible for such an event," said the militants' statement, carried by Tehran Radio.

In the early days of the crisis the militants said they would kill the hostages if the United States made a military attempt to rescue them. They said they had rigged the embassy compound with explosives.

Later Wednesday, Iran's official news agency Pars carried another militant statement declaring, "We will burn into ashes the spy hostages and the building they are living in if we see any suspicious military move or the least military attack by the U.S. against the territory of Iran."

Gholzadeh, interviewed by American television networks Wednesday morning, said he doubted that the Iranian government could stop the embassy militants if they decided to carry out their threat. "But I hope we never go to that end."

In Washington, Carter administration officials declined to make immediate comment on the threat. In the past, Carter has warned of severe retaliation if any hostages are harmed.

In another development Wednesday, the former Shah left a Cairo military hospital and moved to the Kubbeh Palace in the Egyptian

capital. He reportedly will stay there for a few days.

His doctors said the exiled Shah, whose cancerous spleen was removed in surgery two weeks ago, was recuperating well. He is suffering from cancer of the lymph system and of the liver, which the doctors say will be treated with drugs.

Carter has appealed to America's European allies to join the United States in cutting off exports to Iran, but so far none has shown any signs of giving more than vocal support to the reprisals.

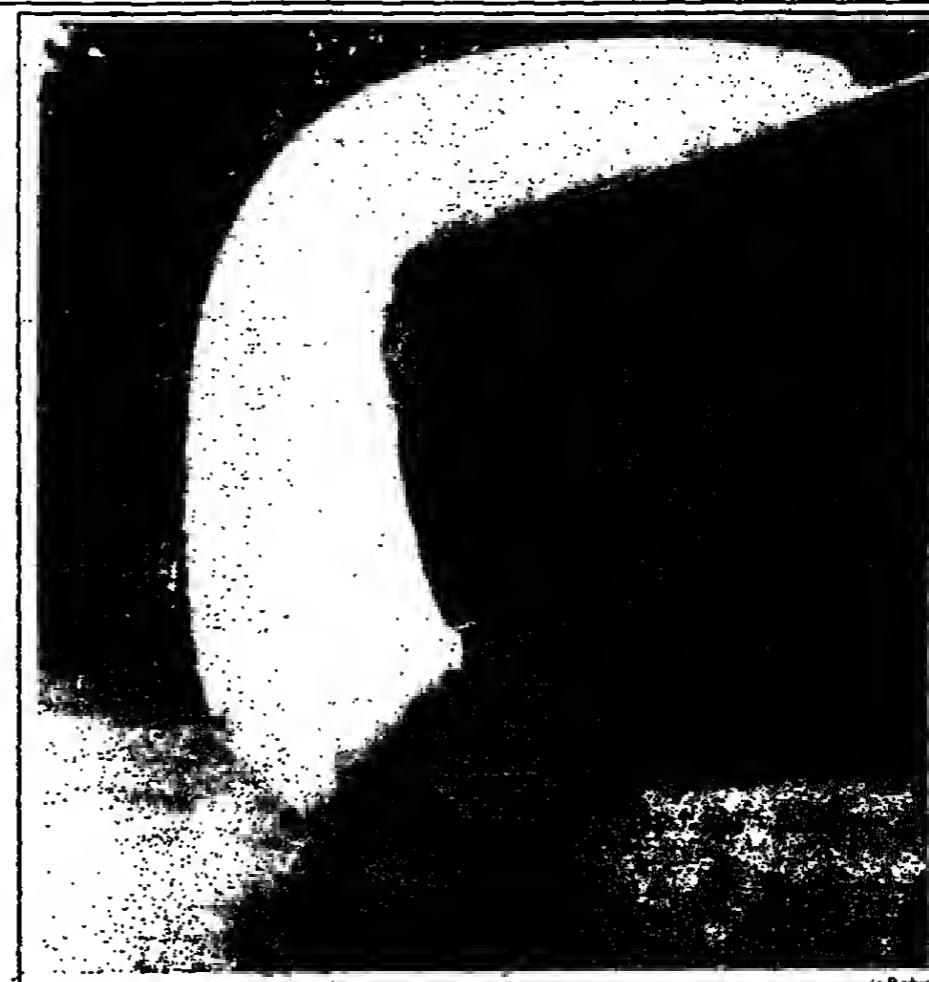
The foreign ministers of the nine European Common Market nations are to meet in Lisbon, Portugal, Wednesday night to begin consultations on the Iran crisis.

Iran ships 550,000 barrels of oil a day to Japan, 250,000 to Britain and 400,000 to other Western European nations. The Tehran regime has threatened to deny its oil to any who join the United States in cutting off shipments of food or other necessities.

Algeria will represent Iranian interests on the United States following the expulsion of Iranian diplomats, official sources said in Algiers Wednesday. The diplomats departed by the Tuesday midnight deadline set by Carter.

The sources, quoted by the National news Agency, said Iranian authorities had made the request and that the Algerian government has agreed.

In Bern, Switzerland, the Swiss Foreign Ministry said the United States has asked Switzerland to represent U.S. interests in Iran following Washington's decision to cut off all diplomatic relations.



SPRING THAW: A thick layer of snow slides down a roof at the eastern Swiss resort town of Flumserberg. Above-freezing temperatures sets the snow moving, but cold nights stop it again. It's the same on surrounding hills, where there is likely to be good skiing for days to come despite spring-like weather.

Says British psychologist

Idleness a health hazard

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — Do you have enough to do at work? If not, a British psychologist says it may be hazardous to your health.

Peter Warr of the state Medical Research Council has found that hating, dead-end or unimportant jobs can be just as stressful for employees as those which are over-loaded with responsibility.

Warr calls it "deprivation strain." He says the problem affects mostly blue-collar workers, although anyone who suffers from a lack of challenge at work is vulnerable.

"Deprivation strain is showing signs of increase," Warr warned. "We have found that employees who have relatively meaningless jobs are significantly more likely to be potential psychiatric cases."

If this trend continues, Warr asked, "May we yet see government health warnings in the job vacancy columns?"

The research results of Warr's social and applied psychology unit at the University of Sheffield appeared in the latest issue of *Mind* magazine, a British journal for general practitioners.

Warr said that advances in technology have made many jobs more routine and less demanding. At the same time, businesses are sometimes forced by union pressure to keep employees on their payroll though there is nothing for them to do.

His advice to anyone whose job is a hunch: Work elsewhere.

"Paid inactivity can seem attractive initially, but more and more employees are feeling locked into this rather surprising form of

deprivation and are seeking help," Warr explained.

After all, most people are introduced and described to others in terms of their job title: having the job and the title but not the work can gnaw at a conventional worker's self-esteem." Warr says you may soon suffer from "deprivation strain" if:

— Your job lacks variety.

— You go home feeling as if you didn't accomplish a thing.

— Your work has no impact on other people's lives.

— You have no freedom to make choices on the job.

— You know the chances of getting ahead are zero.

Warr and his psychology team of 20 gave out questionnaires to 1,500 British workers, most of them blue-collar laborers toiling in factories, construction work or similar jobs. They found what Warr called "a clear statistical parallel" between the amount of challenge employees have at work and their content of themselves.

"In this day and age, work is a major part of people's lives. It is a measure of how useful you are in the world," Warr said. "If you feel you are doing your best at work, it will affect how much you like yourself and your overall mental health."

The symptoms of "deprivation strains" come in different forms. Most of the time, workers get depressed, feel anxious, lose interest in the world around them and can't cope with even simple problems.

In nervous trading

Dollar falls; gold prices up

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — The U.S. dollar fell sharply against major currencies Wednesday largely because of belief U.S. interest rates had reached their peak, dealers said. Gold prices rose.

"Everyone is now scrambling to sell dollars," one dealer commented.

Renewed tension between Iran and the United States also caused a lessening of confidence in the dollar and added to the nervousness of trading.

The dollar fell to 1.8965 West German marks from peaks of more than 1.97 marks during early trading Tuesday. It also dropped sharply against sterling, the Japanese yen and the Swiss and French francs.

Soaring interest rates in the United States, caused by a credit squeeze against inflation, brought on fervent dollar buying by investors in recent weeks. As a result the value of the currency shot up on foreign exchange markets.

But investors now apparently believed the buying of dollars had gone too far, currency dealers said. Leading U.S. economic analysts, including the chairman of a major bank, Citicorp, have said that U.S. rates have reached their peak.

The fall of the dollar Wednesday continued a trend set late Tuesday. It traded Wednesday at 4.3750 French francs compared with 4.5297 about mid-day Tuesday. In the same period it fell to 1.8075 Swiss francs from 1.8650 and 254.75 yen from 260.12.

Increased tensions in the Middle East and Iran also helped the gold price, lifting it to \$547 an ounce compared with \$528 Tuesday.

Concern that the growing U.S. Iranian dispute might rebound on U.S. allies, particularly Japan, Tuesday pushed down the value of the allies currencies. Japan relies heavily

Good Morning
By Jihad Khazen

The suggestibility of people. In the remotest Aral village, kids still sit enchanted in front of the story-teller, agog at tales of brave knights and damsels fair. They then go on to play-act these same stories, riding on stick horses, dueling with stick swords. Some with kids in towns in front of television, then out to reenact the same cowboy versus Indian sagas.

Advance further, to adolescents. The girls sighing as they read *Romeo and Juliet*, deliciously indulging in dreams of love and sacrifice. The boys however — and here speaks memory — not fully convinced of the role of poor Romeo. The chap, we thought, was far too short on what we smirkingly called "positive achievement" before yielding his life for love. Mixing youth's natural idealism with hard realism, we did not buy at the idea of sacrifice itself. What we wanted was something to show for it.

Then comes the man. And how often, seeking diversion from grim reality by even grimmer fiction, do we sit reading tales of murder and detection. How far is the hard bitten (yet of course always soft, centered) private detective from the old, folk hero Antar or the archtypal cowboy? And how many can put their hands on their heart and deny that may did not, even fleetingly, slide into that role, and, in office or at home, suddenly found themselves "going down those mean streets?"

A friend of mine — to all appearances the most staid of businessmen — is a particularly hard case. He came the other day, after a business trip, complaining that his daydreaming habit was threatening to get out of hand. It won't do, he said, to saunter to your hostess in some business dinner, flick the ashes from an imaginary cigarette, and growl, "Bogey else. 'Lishen, sweetheart..." What deal can you coincide with her husband over the coffees afterwards?

The worst of it was, he said, coming into new hotels. He would sit in the lobby, imaginary hat pulled well down, skulking behind an imaginary paper, looking carefully at the receptionist, waiting for Bugsy Malone to make his contact. He would note well how the lady sitting opposite is over painted. How she is carefully *Not* looking at him or the receptionist. He would check the time in case he had to make a police statement. All the signs are that action is soon to erupt. But, he said ruefully, nothing ever happens.

"Quit the cackle," I say. "The cash is just starting to break..."

Translated from *Asharq Al Awsat*

Once-common ailments eliminated by doctors

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 9 (AP) — Scientific advances have made the once-common diseases of tetanus, whooping cough and diphtheria so rare that many physicians will never have to treat them, according to a leading U.S. public health official.

Successful campaigns also have been conducted against polio and smallpox. And now scientists are setting their sights on the elimination of what was once an expected illness for most children: the measles.

"This is really a testimonial to what is happening in our own time," Dr. William H. Foege, director of the National Center for Disease Control, said in an interview.

"Smallpox is one which we can safely say that we will never see again. Polio is a disease which most doctors will never see again."

"I think that the vast majority of clinicians in this country will never see tetanus. There are less than 100 cases a year," Foege said.

"Diphtheria, we've had one case this year."

"Pertussis (whooping cough). That is occurring less than 100 times a month. A physician has less than one chance in 200 of seeing a case of whooping cough in a given year."



52 TO TIMBUKTU: A roadside sign in Morocco points the way to Timbuktu — across open desert — in far-off Mali. The time it takes by camel is, as the sign indicates, 52 days.

From T.E. Lawrence to David Rockefeller

Aleppo hotel plays host to exotic visitors

AI-EPPO, April 9 (AP) — Mystery writer Agatha Christie could not have dreamed of a more provocative cast of characters than has Aleppo's Braun's Hotel, one of the most notable watering holes on the tracks of the Orient Express.

Then the author of *Murder on the Orient Express* signed the leather-bound guest register at the blue-shuttered, dressed stone Baron's a few years ago, she doubtless took note of previous guest, T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia), Iraqi King Faisal, aviator Charles Lindbergh, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Cardinal Spellman and boxer Gene Tunney.

There have been no murders here. But the narrow, arched entrance to the Baron's, barely wide enough to admit proprietor Krikor Mazloumian's battered '58 Chevy station wagon, has seen royalty, generals, millionaires, writers, diplomats, peace makers and astronauts in its 19 years.

Even today's visitors to this 4,000-year-old city spurn more modern accommodations for the Baron's mahogany-paneled dining room, its brass chandeliers and doorways, oriental carpets and arched doorways, flanked by stone columns — all of which recall a day, barely 30 years ago, when guests used to shoot ducks in the gardens outside.

Apparently they do not mind dancing with Mazloumian's platinum blonde golden retrievers, Caesar and Calpurnia, who seem

to innocently play underfoot or sniffing in tandem at every turn.

Born the year before the hotel was opened in 1911, Mazloumian remembers seeing Lawrence and many other great Baron's guests.

"I think a lot of these people came through Aleppo because the Orient Express used to split into two parts here: the better half went to Baghdad and the other to Beirut," said Mazloumian, a natty dresser with a British wife and a British accent that, to the American ear at least, is perfect.

Gene Tunney passed through Aleppo in the late 20's, on the trail of an automobile expedition to Peking sponsored by the French manufacturers Citroen and *National Geographic* magazine. The Citroen car had tank tracks instead of rear wheels.

Tunney had a calling card that identified him as a special assistant to the governor of the state of Connecticut and his wife was with him — absolutely smashing woman," said Mazloumian. "They had heard that my father had a few cases of rare German wine. Bern Castellon von Dokka Lola, or something like that. They bought them all."

American millionaire David Rockefeller, who stayed at the Baron's just three years ago, wrote in the register: "It's a great pleasure to come back to a hotel like the Baron's lobby just over '76 gold French francs."

Cardinal Spellman slips incongruously into the war years, trying to arrange a truce between the allies and the Nazis, unsuccessfully, Mazloumian remembers.

On April fool's Day, 1914, Lawrence of Arabia, who then was leading the Arab revolt against the Turks, wrote on Baron's stationery to his family: "Another letter from this beautiful hotel, whose face you must be getting to know by heart."

The bill of the great Englishman is framed in a dusty showcase in a sitting room of the Baron's lobby just over '76 gold French francs.

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